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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Benjamin N. Eldridge, et al.

Application No.: 09/189,761

Filing Date: November 11, 1998

For: SHARPENED, ORIENTED CONTACT  
TIP STRUCTURES

Examiner: K. Cuneo

Group Art Unit: 2841

**AMENDMENT**

6/14/01  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2000, the period for response to which has been extended by three months to June 6, 2001, by the accompanying Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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